

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A masking member ~~for attaching to a~~ having a shape that conforms to the shape of a predetermined part of an article to which a coating should not be applied, so that said masking member can be fitted to said predetermined part to prevent a coating from being applied to said predetermined part, said masking member ~~being made of~~ comprising a polymer alloy having a sea-island structure in which polyolefin forms a continuous phase, polyphenyleneether and/or ~~modified~~ polyphenyleneether modified by the addition of a polystyrene group resin forms a dispersed phase and said masking member is manufactured by vacuum and/or pressure forming of ~~said polymer~~ a polymer alloy sheet.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 1, wherein said polyolefin and polyphenyleneether and/or modified polyphenyleneether are mixed together at a weight ratio of between 20:80 and 80:20.

Claim 3 (previously presented): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 1, wherein said polyolefin is polypropylene.

Claim 4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (previously presented): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 1, wherein rubber-like material(s) is(are) further added to said polymer alloy.

Claim 6 (previously presented): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 5, wherein said rubber-like material(s) is(are) styrenic rubber-like material(s).

Claim 7 (previously presented): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 1, wherein compatibility aid agent(s) is (are) further added to said polymer alloy.

Claim 8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (previously presented): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 1, the thickness of said polymer alloy sheet being in the range of between 0.1 mm and 1.5 mm.

Claim 10 (previously presented): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 2, wherein said polyolefin is polypropylene.

Claim 11 (previously presented): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 2, wherein rubber-like material(s) is (are) further added to said

polymer alloy.

Claim 12 (previously presented): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 3, wherein rubber-like material(s) is (are) further added to said polymer alloy.

Claim 13 (previously presented): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 2, wherein compatibility aid agent(s) is (are) further added to said polymer alloy.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 3, wherein compatibility aid agent(s) is (are) further added to said polymer alloy.

Claim 15 (canceled).

Claim 16 (previously presented): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 5, wherein compatibility aid agent(s) is (are) further added to said polymer alloy.

Claim 17 (previously presented): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 6, wherein compatibility aid agent(s) is (are) further added to said polymer alloy.